Thursday, May 3

9:00 Overview of themes and purposes of the conference and a short outline of major challenges (demographic, economic, political) and the repertoire of available responses. Speakers: Martin Rein and Winfried Schmähl (Conference co–ordinators)

9:30-12:00

**Opting out of Public Pensions**

The British Experience  
Speaker: David Blake, Birkbeck College University of London

The Japanese Experience  
Speaker: Yukiko M. Katsumato National Institute of Population and Social Security

Open discussion

Lunch 12:00-2:00

2:00 – 5:00 PM

**Overview, new political developments in Comparative Perspective**

Designing and Implementing Defined Contribution Tiers in Public Pension Systems.  
Speaker: Kent Weaver (Brookings Institute)

**Political and Economic Responses to Challenges**  
The perspective of international organisations on new developments in pension reform

A view from the World Bank  
Speaker: Estelle James (World Bank)

A view from the ILO  
Speaker: Elaine Fultz (ILO, Budapest)  (to be confirmed)

Open discussion
Friday May 4

9:00 –12:30AM

**Importing and implementing ideas about pension reform**

The Hungarian experience  
Speaker: Julia Szalai (Academy of Science, Budapest)  
Comment: Ivan Gal (Tarki, Hungary)

The Polish experience  
Speaker: Agniezka Chlon (Gdansk Institute for Market Economics, Poland)  
Comment: Maciej Zukowski (Poznan, Poland)

Will Eastern Europe follow Latin America?  
Speaker: Katharina Müller (Europa–Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder)

Lunch 12:30-2:00

2:00 –6:00PM

**Pathways to Employer Provided Occupational Pensions and their Impact on the Public Pillar**

An overview of 4 pathways to promote Occupational and Personal Pensions  
Speaker: Martin Rein and John Turner

**Mandating Pensions**

The Australian Experience  
Speaker: Peter Whiteford (OECD and the Treasury in Australia)

The Swiss Experience  
Speaker: Giuliano Bonoli, University of Fribourg

The Dutch Experience  
Speaker: Lenny van der Heiden, Ministry of Social Welfare and Employment
Saturday May 5,

9:00 AM – 12:00

Contractual Pensions
The Nordic Experience
Speaker: Michael Orszag, Birkbeck College, London

The Swedish Experience
Speaker: Edward Palmer
Speaker: Eskil Wadensjö

Lunch 12-1:30 PM

1:30 – 5:00 PM

Pension Policy in transition

Recent political decisions and possible consequences in the near and far future
The German Experience
Speaker: Winfried Schmähl, Bremen University

The American Experience
An Exploration of Possible Links Between Pension Policy and Other Programs for the Aged.
Speaker: Barry Friedman, Brandeis University,

3:30- 5:00

The Public-Private Mix: A comparative Perspective in the OECD countries
Speaker : Bernard Casey (to be confirmed) or Adema reporting on a new 9 country OECD study (tentative)

Income Packing at the Last Stage of the Working Career
Speaker: Martin Rein and Heinz Stapf